

The Rural Hospital of the Year Award is given on the merits of demonstrated excellence in service and organization and can be viewed as a model institution for others.

Furthermore, I want to congratulate George Heck, President and CEO, as well as the entire staff of the Coffee Regional Medical Center for excelling in efficiency, quality of care, community support, volunteer programs, and relevance to the rural community of Coffee County. I wish them all continued success in serving the people of Coffee County, GA.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in my district on Monday, October 30. The following indicates how I would have voted had I been present.

For rollcall vote No. 577, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 578, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 579, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 580, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 581, I would have voted "aye."

For rollcall vote No. 582, I would have voted "nay."

For rollcall vote No. 583, I would have voted "aye."

#### A TRIBUTE TO SID YATES

#### HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, Sid Yates was an exemplary democrat. I have never met anyone who did a better job of helping the citizens of this country govern ourselves. Sid Yates belied the view that passion about issues and civility towards people were somehow inconsistent. He cared deeply about a broad range of issues, and knew a good deal about all of them because he was a man of deep learning and high intelligence. But he never let either his knowledge or his commitment interfere with the respect he showed to others, and his interaction with his Congressional colleagues was, as I have said, a model of how government should be carried out in a democracy.

Others will be describing his extraordinarily effective advocacy of the arts, an advocacy that meant so much because it came from someone who was himself deeply appreciative of the value of culture to the quality of human life. We knew him as well as a dedicated defender of our common natural heritage, embodied in our parks, and of his fierce defense of civil liberties and racial fairness. I want to talk here about one particularly important aspect of his work that did not get a great deal of publicity, because he did not want it to, but which was of great significance in this nation.

For all of the years that I served in Congress until he retired. Sid Yates was the sen-

ior Jewish Member of the House in point of service—as well as in other ways of an intangible sort. He presided regularly over an informal Caucus of Jewish Members on issues that were of particular importance and often of great sensitivity. During the period that Sid performed this role, there were efforts in our society to drive wedges between Jewish and African American Members of the House, as people sought to drive those wedges between our two communities elsewhere. Many of us on both sides worked hard to prevent this from happening, and no one was more important in our success in this regard than Sid Yates. Sometimes the important accomplishments of a person are the things that he or she kept from happening, as much as the things he or she caused to happen. In Sid Yates' case, among the towering monuments that this great man left us is his leadership role in frustrating the efforts of those who would have set Jewish and African American Members of Congress quarreling over the fate of negotiations in the Middle East, over the foreign aid bill, over affirmative action and other important issues. I am very proud that throughout my service we have remained largely united in defense of important steps towards justice in our nation and in the world, and Sid Yates' important role in this should be acknowledged.

Mr. Speaker there are people whom one admires, but whom one does not necessarily want as a seatmate on a long plane ride. Sid Yates was a wonderful man who did great things for society, and was a delight to be with, listen to and learn from. We miss him greatly.

#### TRIBUTE TO RAMON B. PRICE

#### HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I pay tribute to Mr. Ramon B. Price, who passed on Friday, September 29, 2000. While Ramon was the youngest brother of Chicago's late mayor Harold Washington, Ramon was better known as a great costume designer, painter, sculptor, illustrator, historian, educator, and ambassador of Afro-American Art, who devoted his life to the service of his community.

Ramon Betrell Price was born on July 18, 1930 in Chicago, Illinois. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education from the School of the Art Institute, and went on to receive a Master's Degree at Indiana University.

From the beginning of his career, Ramon had been engaged in education. His early career in education not only helped him develop his passion for art, but encouraged his enthusiasm for public service. After his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, Ramon spent the next 17 years teaching art at various High Schools, and colleges, in and around Chicago.

In 1973, Ramon began his tenure as Chief Curator of the DuSable Museum of African American History—the oldest museum of African American History in the nation.

In an effort to create an exchange of ideas, and culture, Ramon traveled extensively on behalf of the DuSable. Not long before his passing, he led a group of artists and patrons to the Festival del Caribe in Santiago, Cuba.

Ramon regularly traveled to Africa, and to Bahia, Brazil, where he worked closely with the "Sisterhood of Boa Morte," a sorority which traces its origins back to the time of slavery. He was also a co-founder of both the Afro-American Artist Round Table (AVAR); and the Artists for Senhora Vadente's Settlement House in Salvador de Bahai, Brazil.

Ramon worked on many projects, assisting anyone who asked. When his friends needed assistance, support or guidance, Ramon was always one on which they could depend. To Ramon, art was inexorably linked to education. This philosophy is most beautifully, and poignantly expressed through his own words: "Art, in its broadest sense, is a culmination of all human experiences. If one is faithful to the idea that art is essentially a means of communication, then the artist as teacher is as he should be. This is especially important to me in relation to my art and its most immediate audience . . . my black brothers and sisters." Ramon was a true gentleman and scholar; and he will truly be missed.

#### HONORING KARAN MACKEY

#### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 1, 2000*

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Karan Mackey for her 22 years of dedicated service to the people of Lake County, California. Ms. Mackey is retiring on January 2, 2001 from a distinguished 16-year career as a member of the Lake County Board of Supervisors.

Karen Mackey was raised in the Sacramento area and has resided in Lake County for over 25 years. Prior to commencing elected service, her professional background was in youth counseling, casework, adult volunteer programs, and senior center development.

Karan Mackey's career in public service began with the Lakeport City Council where she was first elected in 1978. Not long afterwards Ms. Mackey was selected to serve as Mayor of Lakeport City and did so for two terms. In 1984 she was elected to her first term on the Lake County Board of Supervisors representing the Fourth Supervisorial District. She served several terms and attained major leadership positions that included Vice Chair and Chair of the Board of Supervisors (BOS), California State Association of Counties representative for the BOS, Chair of the Clear Lake Resource Management Committee, BOS representative to the Redwood Empire Association, BOS representative on the North Coast Emergency Services Joint Powers Authority, and numerous other committees and advisory groups.

Ms. Mackey has been a tireless representative of the Fourth Supervisorial District. As spokesperson for Lake County's largest agricultural district has she has been a steadfast advocate of farming issues. Ms. Mackey was also instrumental in seeking out and securing funding for jail construction, a critical district issue. Other important district issues to which she has distinguished herself include water quality (including the Basin 2000 project), flood protection, transportation, seniors, economic development, enhancement of the Clear Lake Fishery, and public safety.